

Amendments to House Bill No. 61
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Requested by Representative Ron Erickson

For the House Natural Resources Committee

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1. Page 1, line 17.

Following: "landowner"

Insert: "of not more than \$45 for each landowner in the protection district and of not more than an additional 25 cents per acre per year for each acre in excess of 20 acres owned by each landowner in each protection district as necessary to yield "

2. Page 1, line 19.

Strike: "equal to"

Following: "money"

Insert: "of money"

3. Page 1, line 30 through page 2, line 1.

Strike: "an" on line 30 through "to" on line 1

Insert: "no greater than"

4. Page 2, following line 9.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 3. Formula to set landowner assessments for fire protection. (1) The department shall, pursuant to 76-13-207, set the annual fire assessment fee due from landowners pursuant to Title 76, chapter 13, parts 1 and 2. The total of all statewide landowner assessments may be no greater than one-third of the amount appropriated by the legislature to fund the protection costs.

(2) The individual assessments must be established using the following criteria:

(a) Each person or corporation who is responsible for fire protection pursuant to 76-13-108 and 76-13-201 and for whom the department provides fire protection must be assessed a per capita landowner fee. The total per capita landowner assessments statewide from persons or corporations who own 20 acres or less of land for which the department provides protection must be as close as administratively possible to 60% of the total private landowner assessments.

(b) A person or corporation who owns more than 20 acres of land for which the department provides protection shall, in addition to the fee assessed pursuant to subsection (2)(a), pay a

per-acre fee for each whole acre that the person owns in excess of 20 acres. The total of all assessments statewide from persons or corporations who own more than 20 acres must be as close as administratively possible to 40% of the total private landowner assessments.

(3)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), the per capita and per-acre fees must remain in effect for subsequent years.

(b) The department shall reset the per capita and per-acre fees whenever it is necessary to obtain up to one-third of the amount appropriated by the legislature.

(c) Whenever the department resets the fees pursuant to subsection (3)(b), it shall do so in accordance with 76-13-201(2) and the fees must remain in effect until the condition in subsection (2)(a) is met."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 4. {standard} Codification instruction.** [Section 3] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 76, chapter 13, part 2, and the provisions of Title 76, chapter 13, part 2, apply to [section 3]."

Renumber: subsequent section

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Estimates for different ratios of assessments revenue from small landowners vs. large landowners

Using current assessment structure
Assessments fund 1/3 of entire DNRC fire program (direct protection and county coop programs)

Desired Ratio	Fiscal Year	Desired Revenue from Assessments	Per Capita Minimum Fee	Per Acre Fee	Actual Revenue from fee combo	Percentage of revenue from small acreage owners	Percentage of revenue from large acreage owners
50:50	FY08	\$3,205,372	\$35.30	\$0.31	\$3,202,580	50.0%	50.0%
	FY09	\$3,221,879	\$36.30	\$0.32	\$3,210,789	50.0%	50.0%
60:40	FY08	\$3,205,372	\$41.25	\$0.22	\$3,210,789	59.1%	40.9%
	FY09	\$3,221,879	\$42.00	\$0.22	\$3,254,144	59.4%	40.6%
65:35	FY08	\$3,205,372	\$45.10	\$0.16	\$3,210,671	64.6%	35.4%
	FY09	\$3,221,879	\$45.50	\$0.16	\$3,233,794	64.7%	35.3%
67:33	FY08	\$3,205,372	\$47.00	\$0.13	\$3,209,167	67.3%	32.7%
	FY09	\$3,221,879	\$46.75	\$0.14	\$3,231,828	66.5%	33.5%
70:30	FY08	\$3,205,372	\$49.00	\$0.10	\$3,213,444	70.1%	29.9%
	FY09	\$3,221,879	\$48.75	\$0.11	\$3,236,105	69.2%	30.8%
75:25	FY08	\$3,205,372	\$51.00	\$0.05	\$3,143,496	74.5%	25.4%
	FY09	\$3,221,879	\$53.00	\$0.04	\$3,221,997	75.6%	24.4%